stations are given preference over the State Electricity Board controlled power houses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and rationale therefor; and

(c) what have been the actual differences in coal supplied under this criterion to NTPC power houses and State Electricity Boards owned power houses during the past three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Coal supplies to all power utilities are effected against quarterly linkage decided by the Standing Linkage Committee. These linkages are decided on the basis of generation targets accepted by the power stations. Sometimes coal meant for one thermal power station is diverted to another, if the former is unable to accept it or unload it quickly. But generally speaking no preference is given in the matter of coal supplies to power stations under National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), over power stations controlled by State Elertricity Board (SEBs).

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Available information about coal supplied to NTPC and other SEBs during the last two years from Coal India Ltd. (CIL) sources is as follows:

(in million tonnes)

Board/Agency	1991-92 Reg.	1991-92 Desp.	Percentage	1990-91 Regt.	1990-91 Desp.	Percentage
NTPC	30·56	30·66	100	28·5	27·3	96
All other SEBS . .	83·74	81·06	97	73·0	73·3	100

The quantity of coal supplied to thermal power stations under NTPC and all other SEBs during 1989-90 from CIL sources was 21.7 million tonnes and 63.2 million tonnes respectively.

उकनी खुले मुहाने वाली कोयला खानों को स्वीकृति का दिया जाना

4651. **श्री छोटू भाई पटेल** : क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने पश्चिमी कोयला क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत 11.37 करोड़ रु० की अनुमानित लागत वाली उकनी खुले मुहाने वाली कोयला खानों के विकास के लिए स्वीकृति दे दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उकनी में प्रतिवर्ष कोयले का कितना उत्पादन होने का अनुमान है ;

(ग) उन खुले मुहाने वाली अन्य कोयला खानों का ब्यौरा क्या है जिनका निकट भविष्य में विकास करने पर विचार किया जा रहा है ; और

(घ) पश्चिमी कोयला क्षेत्र में खुले मुहाने वाली कुल कितनी कोयला खाने हैं तथा इनमें से प्रत्येक खान में होने वाले वार्षिक उत्पादन का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कोयला मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० नयमेगौडा) : (क) और (ख) वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि० की उकनी ओ०का० परियोजना (क्षमता 1.10 मि०टन/वर्ष) को सरकार द्वारा 100.37 करोड़ रुपये की अनुमानित पूंजीगत लागत पर जनवरी, 1992 में स्वीकृति दी गई । इस खान के

मार्च 1999 तक अपनी लक्षित क्षमता प्राप्त कर लिए जाने की संभावना है ।

(ग) और (घ) वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान वेस्टर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि० के पास 21 कोयले का उत्पादन करने वाली ओपन-कास्ट खानें थीं, जिन्होंने उक्त वर्ष के दौरान 15.75 मि० टन कोयले का उत्पादन किया । अन्य स्वीकृत ओपनकास्ट परियोजनाओं के अलावा, जो कि विकसित की जा रही हैं, दो परियोजनाएं अर्थात् गोडेगांव ओ०का० और मुगोली ओ०का० ऐसी परियोजनाएं हैं जो कि सरकार द्वारा निवेश संबंधी निर्णय लिए जाने के लिए मूल्यांकन के अग्रिम चरण में हैं ।

Malpractices in Eastern Coalfields Limited

4652. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1988 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th May, 1992 and state:

(a) whether Government have completed the enquiry into alleged corruption, malpractices etc. in ECL; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b) The coal company has completed enquiry into the following allegations made in the press report in the 'Paryabekshak' and the position is as indicated against each:

Allegations	Status
Purchase of gear pinions by Colliery Engineer, Sodepur Colliery on the basis of fake requirements.	Vigilance verification has revealed no malafide intention on irregularities. However, the concerned officers have been cautioned for not using the gear pinion.
Shri N.C. Acharjee, Agent, Barmondia Colliery has drawn money against fake LTC bill.	Major penalty proceedings have been initiated against Shri Acharjee.
An electrical repairer (unnamed) is doing monopoly business worth crores of rupees in different collieries of ECL.	In the absence of name of the repairer, no-verification could be done.
The incident of decoity in Salampur Area stores is a got up case.	Departmental enquiry proceedings were initiated by Area against 3 Security personnel for theft of material. The matter is now subjudice.
The Dy. Materials Manager Salampur Area has been making store purchase without proper tendering.	No irregularity was detected in store purchase, in course of a surprise check.
One Shri Singh of Salampur Area has been drawing unusually high amount TA/DA.	Nothing unusual was found in respect of payment of TA/DA.
Dy. Materials Manager, Salampur Area has been purchasing defective and substandard hose pipes against fake indents.	Sample check did not reveal anything adverse regarding procurement of hose pipes.